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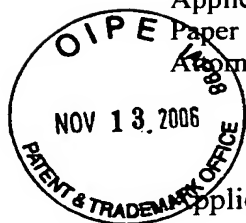
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This application is the United States national phase of the International Application No. PCT/JP2005/001564 which was filed on January 27, 2005 and claims priority to the Japanese Application No. 2004-025780, filed on February 2, 2004.

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Japanese Patent Nos. JP2002-368572, JP2003-234632, and JP 2004-349365 and the article of Li Li, et al. entitled, "High Sensitive, Miniaturized Plano-Convex Quartz Crystal Microbalance Fabricated by Reactive Ion Etching and Melting Photoresist," are discussed in the Applicants' specification on pages 1-2, and are relevant for reasons discussed therein. English-language translations of the Japanese patent abstracts are provided herewith.

Japanese Patent Nos. JP2003-168941 and JP2003-234632 were cited in an International Search Report (ISR) on the corresponding PCT application. In the ISR, these references were classified as "category A" documents, which are not considered to be of particular relevance. A copy of the Written Opinion is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience as well as copies of the foreign references and English-language abstracts.

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